

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 50 and 53 are currently pending in this application. Claims 7, 11 - 15, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 44 - 48 and 52 have been withdrawn from consideration pending the allowance of a generic claim. Claims 1, 40, 42, and 53 have been amended to more distinctly claim subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Telephonic Interview

The Examiner is thanked for granting a telephonic interview with the Applicant's representative on October 4, 2006. During the interview the above amendment to claim 39 was discussed.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 - 6, 8 - 10, 16 - 25, 28 - 31, and 36 contain allowable subject matter.

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Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1, and 53 for formalities. The amendments to those claims obviates the objection. The withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, and 53 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 1 - 6, 8 - 10, 16 - 25, 28 - 31, 36, 40, and 42 were rejected under 37 C.F.R. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 40 and 42 have been amended to more distinctly claim subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 2 - 6, 8 - 10, 16 - 25, 28 - 31, and 36 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 39 - 43 were rejected in the Action as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 556,124 to Wolff. Without conceding the validity of the rejection, and in the interest of cooperation, Applicant has amended claim 39, thus obviating the rejection. The amendment to claim 39 clearly points out that the spokes on each side of the median plane produce opposed forces that maintain the median plane

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perpendicular to the axis (X) and the first and second sets of spokes are off set from the median plane by unequal angles α and β . Wolff does not show or suggest first and second sets of spokes that are off set from the median plane by unequal angles α and β as is now claimed. As was discussed and agreed upon in the telephonic interview, this amendment distinguishes claim 39 over Wolff.

Based on the amendment to claim 39, withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claims 39 - 43 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 49 - 50 were rejected in the Action as obvious over Wolff in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,228,756 to Krampera. Claim 53 was rejected as obvious over Wolff in view of Krampera and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,382,734 to Passarotto. In view of the amendment to claim 39, from which claims 49 - 50 and 53 ultimately depend, the Wolff reference is no longer applicable thus rendering the combination of Wolff with Krampera and Passarotto moot. The proposed combination does not show or suggest the invention as is currently claimed.

Based on the amendment to claim 39, withdrawal of the § 103 rejection of claims 49 - 50, and 53 is respectfully requested.

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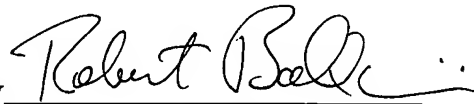
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that an interview, telephonically or in person, will materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience to arrange an interview.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 - 50 and 53, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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